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NOTES AND QUERIES.

SPANISH FOLK-TALE¹ RECORDED ON FIRST MESA, ARIZONA, IN 1885. — Once upon a time there lived at Tewa a goat who was a great gad-about. He had a very firm friend in a chicken cock. The sheep and goats had decided at a council of their chiefs, that, if they wanted to live to a good old age, they must cease eating of anything that would make fat. So Goat, knowing man better than his sheepish companions, concluded that the best way to do was to hunt for rabbits, and bring them to the village to trade, as the Navaho did. He asked Cock to go hunting with him. He said to Cock, "But what are you going to do, my friend, for something to eat? I can eat grass, but you need corn." — "Oh, no!" said Cock, "I will fill my pouch with corn, which will last a long while; whereas you must have water, which I can do without." — "Don't let that trouble you!" said Goat. "I know where a spring runs cool and refreshing water." They started, each wondering what the other would kill. At dark they reached the buttes, and at a place where a single cedar was growing they camped. Just after they had settled down for the night, a man came along and went to sleep under the tree. So Cock emptied his bowels, and the droppings struck the face of the sleeping man. He woke up, and he cried out that it was strange that in this country it should rain when there were no clouds in sight. Then Goat shed his filling; and again the man cried out that it was a strange country, for it hailed when no storm-clouds were in the skies. When it became day, he saw the goat, but it ran away. Then he saw the chicken in the tree. He shot at the chicken, and killed it and ate it. From that day to this the Castilia has been eating chicken. That is all.²

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THE ENGLISH FOLK-LORE SOCIETY. — This Society was established in 1878, for the purpose of collecting, recording, and studying the fast-perishing folk-lore and other matters of interest in myth, ritual, and custom, both of England and other countries. The importance of this work is now generally recognized among scholars and men of letters and science. The student of folk-lore is a co-operator with the student of history, pre-history, and archæology. The Society publishes "Folk-Lore," a quarterly journal. It also holds meetings for the reading of papers and for discussion (usually eight in the year) between the months of November and June. These meetings are at present held at University College, Gower Street, W.C. 1, at 8 P.M. The Society also has for sale past volumes of "Folk-Lore," and

¹ See Bolte u. Polivka, LIX; cf. Hopi (H. R. Voth, "The Traditions of the Hopi" [FM 8 (Pub. 96, 1905) : 86]).

² Every Tewa tale (*tešwichi*) ends with *neheimo't'o'pit'ai* ("thus far I know"), which is sometimes translated "this is all I know." A tale begins with *owčheyambis* ("far away there, at [name of place], there was living"). — E. C. P.

other publications, including the "Handbook of Folk-Lore;" and, for use of the members, a collection of books and pamphlets at University College. The Society has in hand the compilation of a work on "Calendar Customs," as a step towards the systematic collection of the folk-lore of the British Isles. The President of the Society for 1920-21 is W. H. R. Rivers, M.D., F.R.S. To accomplish the purposes of the Society it is necessary to make its existence and facilities more widely known, in the hope of enlisting the help of those who are interested in the objects of the Society or in wider aspects of scientific inquiry. An increase in the number of members would add greatly to the usefulness of the Society. It invites application for membership from all to whom its objects appeal. A list of past publications, some of which are sold to members at reduced prices, can be furnished on application. The annual subscription to the Society is one guinea, payable in advance on the 1st of January in each year. This entitles members to attend the meetings and invite friends, and to receive the publications of the Society for the year. Checks and postal-orders should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. F. A. Milne, 11 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, London, W.C. All communications as to the work, general aims, meetings, and membership of the Society, as well as papers and contributions for "Folk-Lore," should also be addressed to the Secretary.